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Editorial Comment

ON COMPARING STATES

Any statement as to the comparison of Virginia with other states coupled with an assertion that this state is a backward state, a poor state, a state that should be made with the utmost caution, Virginia in some things ranks well, had in others. Both side bankers and clerks. Both side bankers and clerks. Both side bankers and clerks.

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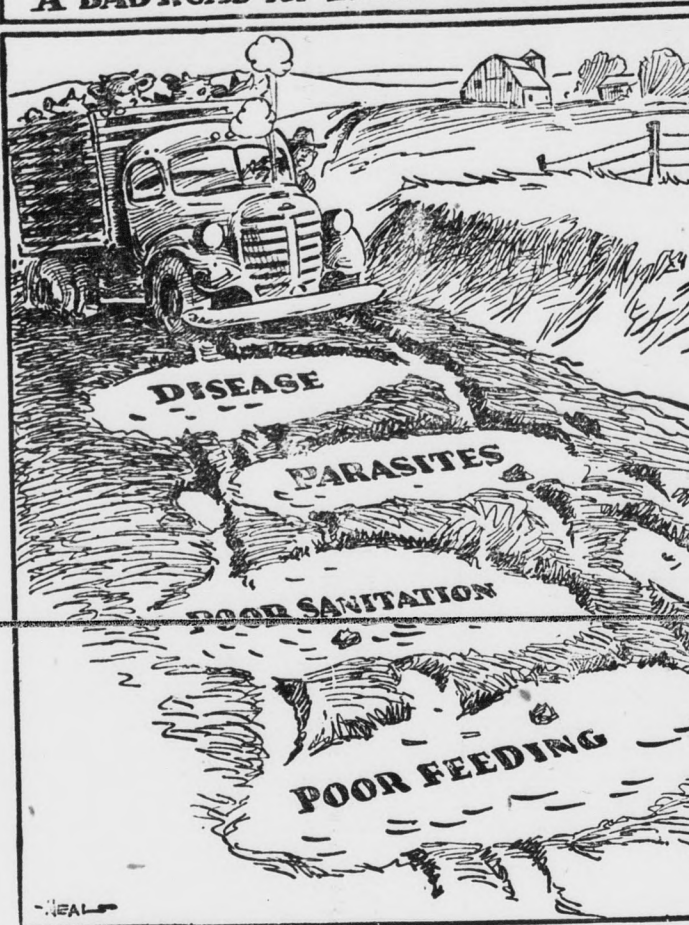
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A BAD ROAD for LIVESTOCK PROFITS



Increased Profits and Yields by Rotation

Erosion Controlled by Proper Farm Planning

The growing of intertilled crops such as corn and soybeans not only uses plant food faster, but the loss from erosion is greater.

Help maintain soil fertility, particularly the nitrogen and organic matter.

Produce good soil tilth. Help control erosion.

Where corn was grown in a four-year rotation of corn, oats, followed by clover and timothy for orage, the yield of corn was 32 bushels higher than when grown in a corn-oats rotation. In poor crop years, the difference in yield may be smaller than those obtained in the good crop years of 1942 to 1944. However, the difference between the

poor and good rotations will probably become greater the longer the rotation is continued.

One of the most important reasons why crop yields decrease when a crop is kept in grain crops such as corn and oats is that these crops lower the nitrogen and organic matter content of soils.

This soil's capacity to produce meat, grain, vegetables and dairy products high in essential minerals and vitamins is dependent on that soil's supply of nitrogen, phosphorus and potash. This capacity can be increased by intelligent soil management including the regular application of mixed fertilizer containing these necessary elements. The fertilizer industry which has demonstrated its ability to provide plant food for winning the wartime food production battle will be fully equipped to help farmers meet all their postwar requirements for soil improvement.

That scene speaks volumes to us as Christians. We are not of the world but we are in the world (John 17:15-17). We are to be in the world for the glory of God, but that does not mean that we are to bring blessing to those around us. We are in the world not just to enjoy ourselves, but to make Christ known to others—to live lives that are needy and sacrificial and sinless.

It is also of interest that the blessing of Jacob was given to the man on the throne. We are apt to think of the poor and the underprivileged as needing the gospel and hope that the rich man in the house of the hill may be the most spiritually hungry in town.

That was important, for had they not been preserved the promise of the new life would have been lost. But all the time they were being prepared for the great day of the resurrection and blessing which was to come.

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IMPROVED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Lesson for September 30
Lesson subject and Scripture texts as given by the Council of Religious Education, International Council of Christian Churches, Inc.

THE ISRAELITES IN A FOREIGN LAND
LESSON TEXT—Genesis 47:1-12
GOLDEN TEXT—Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

Preparation of a great nation takes time. God wanted Israel to have opportunity to develop from a family to a nation so he arranged for them to have a place of refuge and of abundant provision, while they grew. He had already made ready for them by sending Joseph into Egypt, and now the whole family of Jacob moved down.

Joseph's fears had been overcome by the vision of God (Gen. 46:14), in which he was assured that the God of his fathers was now in process of fulfillment. The man who believed in God was privileged to see his work. We find the family of Jacob 1. In Egypt, but Separated (v. 14).

As he presented the brethren to the representatives of Pharaoh, Joseph made known that he had served them in the land of Goshen, a favored spot well suited to their life as shepherds.

It is worthy of observation that while they were now in Egypt there was no thought of mingling with the Egyptians. They were to be a separate people living in a strange land. Only thus could the purity of the nation be maintained and a people suited for God's service be kept.

The application to the life of the Christian lies right in the land. Scripture Egypt is a type of the world, where fleshly appetites are satisfied and where strange gods are worshipped. The Christian is to come out from among them and to be separate (II Cor. 6:14-18).

The tendency in our time is to minimize the importance of separation from worldliness and to regard those who preach and practice it as being narrow or out-of-fashion. But what you will, it is a fact that worldliness has robbed the Church of its spiritual power and of all testimony for Christ.

As a matter of fact, the Church is not narrow. He is as broad as the counsels of God, and he worshipping who boasts of his broad-mindedness has often mistaken superficial fitness for real broadness.

II. Blessed, but Blessing (v. 13). Jacob and his family received many mercies at the hands of Pharaoh and his people, but they were not in the land just to be blessed but also to bring a blessing. The patriarch Jacob was brought by Joseph into the presence of Pharaoh. That noble son was not ashamed to bring his aged father into the presence of the king. There he gave witness concerning his life. But he did something else—blessed Pharaoh.

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